(b) whether it is a fact that these posts are lying vacant since 1983-84;

(c) if so, why these posts are lying vacant since such a long period;

(d) whether there is any proposal to fill these posts on ad hoc basis; and

(e) if so, what is the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Nineteen posts of varoius categories are vacant for varying periods. The process of recruitment against 13 posts is at different stages. 2 posts have been held in abeyance and recruitment rules are being amended for 4 posts.

(d) and (e) Except one post for which the Hon'ble Tribunal has given directions, no other post is being filled on ad hoc basis:

Technical posts lying vacant in bureau for promotion of Urdu

6097. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times since 1984 to 1993 meeting of DPC has been held to consider the promotion of Technical staff in Bureau for Promotion of Urdu;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 11 posts of Research Assistants how many persons are working in the Bureau and how many posts are lying vacant;

(c) if so, why these posts are lying vacant and since when;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is 100 per cent Promotion from the post of Research Assistant to the post of Research Officer; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not promoting Research Assistants to the post of Research Officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Meeting of DPC has been held five times during this period to consider promotion of various categories.

(b) and (c) Six posts are filled and five posts are lying vacant for varying periods. Action has been initiated for filling up two posts. Recruitment Rules for the other two posts are being amended. The remaining one post is lying vacant as its incumbent is presently on deputation.

(d) Hundred per cent by promotion failing which by direct recruitment.

(e) Only one post of Research Officer is lying vocant due to non availability of the reserved category candidate.

National fund for child care services

6098. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to set-up a National Fund for child care services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give preference to tribal children of the backward districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Creche Fund has been set up with a Corpus Fund of Rs. 19.90 crores during the year 1993-94.

Assistance from the Fund is proposed to be given to registered Voluntary Organisations/Mahila Mandals to run Creches for children of parents whose monthly income does not exceed Rs. 1800/- per month. The facilities to be provided to children include day care facilities, supplementary nutrition, immunisation, medical and health care and recreation. In addition it is also proposed to covert some of the existing Anganwadis into Anganwadi-cum-Creches with assistance from the fund. The Anganwadi-cum-Creche with assistance from the fund. The Anganwadi-cum-Creche Centres would be run by the same agency which runs the ICDS Scheme, which in most cases is the State Government.

(c) Yes, Sir. Children belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes are to be given preference.

Malfunctioning of National Library Calcutta

6099. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a lot of malfunctioning in the Calcutta, National Library, as appeared in the editorial of "The Statesman" dated the 13th April, 1994;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this library is under the grip of certain anti-social elements; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to rectify the situation and bring back normalcy to the library?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The malfunctioning in the National Library, Calcutta stems mainly from the internecine rivalry between two service Associations.

(c) A three-member High-powered Committee has been set up to go into the short-term and long-term aspects of the functioning of the Library—both and administrative and academic—and to suggest measures for its improvement.

MOU between All India Council of Technical Education and Ukranian Academy of Sciences

6100. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council of Technical Education and the Ukranian Academy of Sciences have entered into mutual cooperation through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed very recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how th eMemorondum of Understanding is going to benefit the people of both the countries and in what way it will promote Research and Development in the technical field?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding, which contains the objectives to be achieved through such co-operation, is attached.

Memorandum of understanding between the All India Council for Technical Education and Ukrainian Academy of Sciences KIEV Ukraine reached on 8th *April,* 1994 *at New Delhi*

In pursuance of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic